

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Amendment, the specification is amended, claims 2-5 are canceled, and claims 1, 7, 13, 38, 39 and 47-50 are amended. Claims 1, 6-50 are pending. An Abstract is attached on a separate sheet. No new matter is added.

This Amendment is submitted to better conform the application to United States practice. The pending claims, with amendments, correspond to the claims 1-46 examined and indicated in the enclosed International Preliminary Report On Patentability as having novel, inventive step and industrial applicability.

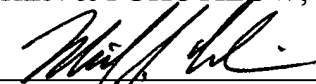
It is respectfully submitted that the application is in good form for initial examination on the merits. Accordingly, prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for initial examination and allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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